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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 6, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Listing of the Claims:** Amendments to the claims are indicated by the notation "Currently Amended" in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks:** The "REMARKS" section begins on page 12 of this paper.